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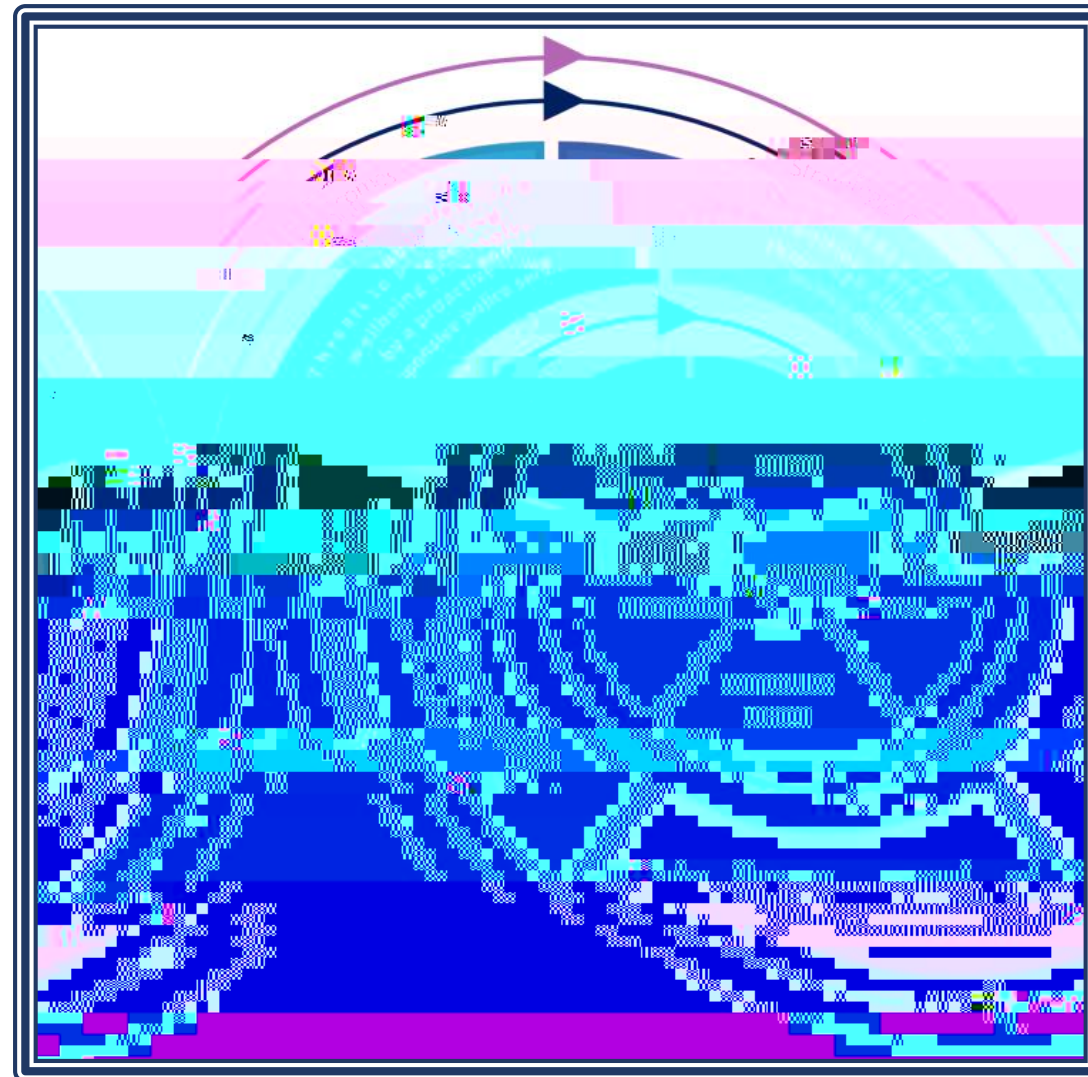
We continue to work closely with the Argyll & Bute Alcohol and Drugs Partnership to tackle substance misuse and the associated physical, mental and social harm this can cause.

Oban Police Station is a primary custody holding facility. We work with criminal justice and support staff to increase awareness, and signpost referral pathways, for people affected by drug and alcohol issues.

There has been increase in adult concern calls which is often due to social isolation, unemployment and breakdown in relationships. This is particularly concerning given the current Covid-19 lockdown restrictions and is currently being looked at through the newly established Argyll & Bute Suicide Prevention Group, where police data is being shared to help focus the group on localised areas of concern. The group also aim to identify businesses and organisations where suicide prevention training can be offered to staff in the hope that this will increase community awareness of persons possibly in crisis and enable appropriate interventions to be taken and support put in place.

Partnership activity is ongoing in relation to fraud which can cause enormous harm within communities, particularly to those who are most vulnerable.

It is recognised that older adults are the least likely age group to report fraud. To combat fraud in ol



Further funding has been secured from the Police 'Little Things Matters' budget to assist in buying a number of items that would help officers across Argyll & Bute to carry out their roles more effectively, whilst also taking into consideration their overall wellbeing.

Officers across the islands of Bute, Mull, Tiree and Islay have been trained in the use of Tasers, enhancing public and officer safety. Taser trained officers are also deployed from Dunoon, and preparation is underway to train and equip officers in Campbeltown and Lochgilphead.

A number of officers and staff members have now been trained as Wellbeing Champions to offer support throughout the division. All Wellbeing Champions are available to talk to members of Police Scotland, offer support and also signpost them to other support networks and organisations with a wide range of issues that persons may encounter. The service that they provide is confidential and has previously proved to be beneficial to those that have approached a Wellbeing Champion for advice and support. Currently there are 5 Wellbeing Champions allocated across the division.